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INITIAL SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION [REDACTED]

REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE HA NOI/PING HSIANG RAIL
LINE AND THE THAI NGUYEN/KEP RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

1. THE CAO NUNG RAILROAD BRIDGE [REDACTED] AT 2133N
10629E HAS BEEN SEVERELY DAMAGED BY AIR STRIKES AND IS UNSERVICE-
ABLE. AT LEAST TWO SPANS HAVE BEEN DROPPED INTO THE SONG HOA (RIVER)
AND THE SOUTHERN APPROACHES HAVE BEEN INTERDICTED. THE BY-PASS
BRIDGE IS ALSO UNSERVICEABLE DUE TO THE REMOVED SPANS (REF A)

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2. THE THREE TRACK DUAL GAUGE BAC LE RAIL YARD [REDACTED]
AT 2130N 10626E HAS BEEN STRUCK AND ALL TRACKS HAVE BEEN INTERDICTED
RENDERING THE YARD UNSERVICEABLE. TWO ENGINES AND 30 PIECES OF
ROLLING STOCK OBSERVED IN YARD. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES DETERMINATION
OF DAMAGE TO ROLLING STOCK AND IT'S GAUGE.

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3. STANDARD GAUGE TRACK HAS BEEN LAID ON THE THAI NGUYEN/KEP RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM THE RAILS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TERMINUS (REF B) AT 2125N 10618E (UTM XJ345700) TO A BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT 2125N 10616E (UTM XJ316702). NO TRACK HAS BEEN LAID WEST OF THE BRIDGE. FIFTEEN STANDARD GAUGE GONDOLA CARS ARE LOCATED AT 2125N 10618E (UTM XJ352696) AND AT LEAST 43 STANDARD GAUGE RAIL CARS AND ONE STANDARD GAUGE ENGINE ARE LOCATED IN A THREE TRACK RAIL YARD AT THE RAILHEAD. THIS FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF STANDARD GAUGE CARS IN NORTH VIETNAM INDICATES THAT DUAL GAUGE TRACK PROBABLY EXTENDS TO CHINA, HOWEVER THIS HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY PHOTOGRAPHY. (BB)

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